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Application of: Walker Peach, et al.
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Entitled: Compositions, Methods and Kits for
Herpes Simplex Virus Type 1 and 2
Nucleic Acid Detection

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an Extension of Time of one month to file a Response in the above-identified patent application. This will serve to extend the time for filing the Response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 30, 2003 from July 30, 2003, up to and including August 30, 2003.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, enclosed is the requisite extension fee of \$55.00 for maintaining the pendency of the present application. The Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference No. 25436/1280. A duplicate of this letter is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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